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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ON SHAH, ARMS AND CODEL  
SPARKMAN

THE BHUTTOS GAVE A DINNER IN OUR HONOR LAST NIGHT AND,  
ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MANY THINGS ON MY MIND, THERE WAS  
VERY LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION. IT WAS  
POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO COVER THE FOLLOWING:

1. BHUTTO SAID HIS TALKS WITH THE SHAH WENT VERY WELL  
INDEED. AS WE HAVE OFTEN DISCUSSED HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS  
WITH THE SHAH IN QUITE INTIMATE TERMS, I ASKED HOW THEY  
GOT ALONG ON A PERSONAL BASIS. HE SAID "BEAUTIFULLY."  
THIS IS QUITE IN LINE WITH WHAT IRANIAN AMBASSADOR  
ZELLI HAD TOLD ME PREVIOUSLY.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT HE NOT LET HIS MILITARY PREPARE  
A SINGLE (SAY FIVE YEAR) LIST OF MILITARY ITEMS TO BE  
OBTAINED FROM US THAT WOULD RUN INTO ASTRONOMICAL FIGURES.  
I SAID THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A LONG-  
TERM LIST IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THEIR PRIORITY ITEMS,  
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BUT I HOPED THEY WOULD GIVE THE LATTER TO US ON A ONE AT

A TIME BASIS TO KEEP THINGS MANAGEABLE AND NOT RUN INTO UNNECESSARY COMBINATIONS OF REALLY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ITEMS THAT WOULD TOTAL UP TO AMOUNTS WHICH WOULD MAKE APPROVAL DIFFICULT. BHUTTO SAID HE AGREED COMPLETELY. HE SAID SOME OF HIS MILITARY WERE TALKING IN TERMS OF VERY BIG THINGS, BUT HE WAS SURE PROCEEDING ALONG THE MANNER I HAD SUGGESTED WAS THE MOST SINSIBLE WAY.

3. HE IS DELIGHTED AT THE PROSPECTS OF A VISIT BY CODEL SPARKMAN. HE SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE AIRCRAFT IF SOME OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO SEE TARBELA AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR ON THE NIGHT OF THE 1ST. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD WORK OUT THE DETAILS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE.  
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